

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for providing the opportunity for the interview held on August 5, 2003.

During the interview, applicants discussed the claims generally, and the definitions of R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^{14} , and R^{15} .

With respect to the definition of R^3 , applicants delete the option to replace CH_2 groups with O, $S(O)_n$, NR^8 , $=N-$ or carbonyl as agreed on in the interview.

With respect to the definition of R^4 and R^5 during the interview it was discussed that when they come together they do not form heterocycles, but rather form carbocycles. The optional substitutions in one or two places with $NR^{14}R^{15}$ mean that one or two hydrogen atoms are each replaced with an $NR^{14}R^{15}$ group, and not that one or two CH_2 groups are replaced by said groups.

With respect to the definitions of R^{14} and R^{15} applicants delete the option to form any heterocycles.

Cancelled subject matter is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

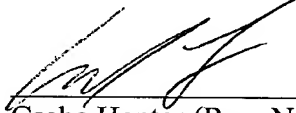
The Examiner agreed to rejoining process of preparing claims once allowable product claims are identified.

During the interview, (although not in the interview summary) applicants requested that a method of use of allowable claimed products be entered and considered. The Examiner indicated that submission of such a claim would be acceptable. Thus, entry of new claim 18, directed to treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is respectfully requested. Support for the new claim can be found in the specification, for example, on page 8, line 2 from the bottom of the page. The number of claims added is equal to or less than the number cancelled.

If any remaining issues remain after submission of this reply, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact counsel at the phone number provided below to possibly expeditiously attend to such issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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